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**MR. DUNDAS AND THE COLONIST.**

In another column will be found a letter from the Rev. R. J. Dundas, in which our article of Tuesday last on education is treated to a lengthened criticism. The reverend gentleman at the outset charges us with assumptions that are not tenable, and with something very like *ignoratio elenchus* in our deductions. He says, or at least implies, we were not justified in introducing the recent riots in Belfast as proofs of the mischievous effects of sectarian education, on the ground that the London Times had said that the men engaged in the riots were devoid of any definite religious principle; but whether the Times was right or not he argues that the fact of party fights existing in Ireland does not justify eliminating from the schools of England, Scotland, and other places all religious teaching and Bible instruction. Now this seems very like the style of argument with which Mr. Dundas charges us. We never intended nor did we imply any such deduction. We pointed out the mischievous effects of sectarian teaching in the North of Ireland, where diverse and antagonistic creeds exist to so great an extent. Our argument of course could only apply to countries or communities where these warring elements flourished. We hear of no religious riots in Tipperary, nor because the people of that portion of Ireland are any less pugnaciously inclined than those of the north, but because there is no one to fight with them, the inhabitants being nearly all of one religion. In Vancouver Island we have great diversity in religion, and although the people have better sense than to break each other's heads because they cannot agree in their manner of worship, yet there are the same ecclesiastical scruples, or it may be prejudices, at work here as in other places.

It would be well no doubt if we could raise the public mind to an exalted standpoint from which religion could be viewed in its more expansive character; but we must take human nature as it is, with all its unreasonable demands and its bigoted follies. We find that in our population we have three strongly antithetical religious elements, that are jealous of their peculiar creeds and exceedingly sensitive on every question that pertains to their formularies. Each party has its own book of inspiration, and will not accept the other's. We are about to inaugurate a system of public instruction which shall embrace the whole three—the Jew, the Protestant, and the Catholic—and we are called upon by the clergy of one of the denominations to have its particular book introduced into the public schools. Looking at the matter on the broad principles of justice, is this fair? Why shall not the Jew and why shall not the Catholic have their Bibles read also? They are clearly as much entitled to the privilege as the Protestant. Their scriptures are surely as much deserving of consideration. Well, since we cannot turn our schools into Bible classes, nor yet into breeding grounds for religious dissensions, we apply the only corrective that comes within our reach,—we exclude the bible altogether. But, says Mr. Dundas, "Why is my child's Bible to be kept from him?" "I don't care that the bible should be forced on a A or B or C, I only claim that it should not be refused to D." Now this is just where the clerical *petitio principii* comes in. We do not wish the bible to be kept from any one; there has been no such attempt. We might on the same ground charge the clergy with depriving their congregations of a knowledge of mathematics, because Euclid is not admitted into the pulpit. Why do the clergy not insist that prayer shall be introduced; for they could with as much reason ask why their children should be deprived of this religious exercise. There is, however, no deprivation. There are the mornings and the evenings of every day in the week in which the child can peruse the Bible at home, and there is the whole of the first day of the week, devoted exclusively to biblical instruction. There is no fear, therefore, if the clergyman do his duty, that the religious training of children will be in the slightest degree neglected by the exclusion of the Bible from the public schools. We have not in this matter got to do with D's assertion, that he is unwilling to force the book on a A or B or C, but with the feelings with which A or B or C regards D's privilege of having his particular book read. The agitation of the public—the sensitiveness which is exhibited on this very question—is a sufficient justification for the policy of excluding the Bible; and the decision of the large and respectable public meeting which was held some months ago is abundant evidence of the desire which prevails amongst men of nearly all classes of the community that our school system should have a foundation undisturbed by even the possibility of religious bickerings.

We do not in this argument touch on the debatable ground whether the censorious reading of the Bible is of any earthly use at public schools; but merely attempt to show that the agitation raised by the clergy is based upon purely imaginary grounds. "You won't bring them one bit nearer the Bible's spirit," says Mr. Dundas, "by depriving them of the letter, and requiring that they cast the book aside altogether." This is a fair specimen of the arguments of those who wish to see the Bible introduced; but the argument, as we have already shown, is altogether inapplicable. If it had been said that the Bible must not be read anywhere because there is the possibility of dissensions being created in the common schools, Mr. Dundas' line of reasoning would be pertinent; but there has been no such dissension. The opponents of the introduction of the Scriptures have the true interests of religion as much at heart as the warmest advocates of the Bible, and if they deem it inexpedient to have this Book introduced into the public schools, it is because experience has taught them that it is not expedient to have it introduced by such introduction, the peace and good feeling of communities are seriously jeopardized.

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Total, \$65,000, \$32,500, \$32,500.

Deducting for contingencies and expenditure not included in the above, say five thousand dollars, leaves a clear profit of fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars equal to sixty per cent on the nominal capital of the Company.

**Amateur Dramatic Association.**

**MINUTES OF A PRELIMINARY**

Meeting of the Managing Committee of the

Theatrical Association, held at the office of

Meers, Franklin, Government street, on Wednesday, October 6th, 1864.

George Crookshank, Esq. Vice President, in the chair.

The Honorary Treasurer submitted the following Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, showing a balance to the credit of the Association of \$850 50.

**VICTORIA, V. I., AMATEUR DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.**

To British Colonist Printing and Advertising Account, 1863, \$30 00

To Expenses of first Performance, January, 1864, 405 50

To Do do second do, Feb., 1864, 284 50

To Balance in Treasurer's hands, 300 50

**\$1110 50**

By Balance from last season, \$115 00

By Subscriptions received, 405 50

By Sale of programmes, 212 50

By do second do, 212 50

**\$1110 50**

Victoria, V. I., 11th October, 1864.

(Signed) H. RUSHION, Treasurer.

**Resolved**—That the performance of the Association be resumed, and inasmuch as circumstances prevented more than two performances being given last season, that the subscribers of last year shall not be called upon to pay an additional subscription for the coming season.

**Resolved**—That the Minutes of this meeting be published, and that a General Meeting of Members be called at the Balfour Hotel, Port street, on SATURDAY next, at 2.30 p.m., for the Election of Officers, and for the purpose of making arrangements for the coming season.

Guests desirous of joining the Association are invited to attend.

WALFOLD A. HARRIS, Hon. Secretary.

**Lost.**

**ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER**



## COMMERCIAL.

## Auction Sales This Day.

DUNCAN & GEORGE will sell, at Sale-room, at 11 o'clock a.m., Groceries: consisting of Green Apples, California Beans, Preserved Peas, Raisins, Sugar, Beans, Macaroni, Pipes, A Tea, also some Furniture: comprising Chairs, Tables, Stoves, &c.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer *Fideliter* arrived from New Westminster yesterday evening with a large number of passengers and a small river steamer. The *Enterprise* arrived last night at 10.30, with 100 passengers and several thousand in a thick fog at the mouth of the Fraser on the way up, the *Fideliter* meeting her going up as she left the river yesterday morning. She arrived up at 10 a.m.

FROM ALBERTA.—The steamer *Thames*, Capt. Henderson, arrived yesterday morning from Alberta with 21 passengers. She left the mills on Monday night, having in tow the ship *Kercher*, bound to Valparaiso, and arrived off the harbor at 8 p.m. on Tuesday night.

LOADING AT ALBERTA.—Charles Cooper, Australia; Buenos Aires, Australia; Kong Oscar, New Zealand; Fairlight, China; Albert Edward, Sydney; Albert, Sandwich Islands.

ARRIVAL AT ALBERTA.—Sept. 25th, Charles Cooper, from San Francisco; Sept. 26th, Albert, from Sandwich Islands, 21 days out.

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer *Fideliter* left yesterday for Nanaimo and way ports. The steamer *Caledonia* will leave today for the same port.

ALBERTA SHIPPING NEWS.—The British ship *Kercher* sailed Oct. 10th with 800,000 feet lumber for Valparaiso.

## MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

## ENTERED.

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## RUMORED RICH DIGGINGS—\$44 TO THE PAN!

Mr. C. A. Hayley informs us that a party of seven miners who came into town yesterday morning, told him that they had discovered extremely rich diggings, from which they had obtained a pan full of dirt yielding \$44. The location is at present a secret, but we understand it is somewhere in the vicinity of the head waters of Leech river. Mr. Hayley expresses his entire confidence in the truth of the report. The party laid in a plentiful supply of stores at Mr. Hayley's and started back to the diggings immediately.

## ADDITIONAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.

The following scraps of overland news have been received:

The Philadelphia *Express*'s special correspondent says: The statement of the rebel sergeant who left Stone's Bridge a few days since, says that Lee has acknowledged his position critical. He has fortified Hanover and is now waiting for the temporary defeat of the Union army on the road. He has taken a number of heavy guns from Richmond to Hanover.

Supplies in Richmond are entirely giving out and great difficulty is experienced in furnishing the rebel army even with corn.

Davis and his Cabinet have left Richmond for South Carolina.

The latest from Sheridan says all of Lee's army is dispersed, captured, or made their escape.

The rebels are demoralized and organizing into separate guerrilla bands. Over one hundred miles of the Central Railroad communication are destroyed. Shenandoah Valley is now free of rebels.

Secretary Stanton telegraphs as follows from Washington on the 7th:

Satisfactory reports have been received of the progress of the Richmond and Petersburg details of which are not at present proper for publication.

Sheridan has protected his communications. Gen. Thomas was sent to Louisville to organize the troops in his district and direct the operations of our army while the movements of Sherman have been directed to the attack of the main rebel army in the vicinity of Atlanta.

On the 4th the rebels captured Big Shanty, being followed closely by Sherman's army. A severe engagement was fought on the 6th by our forces under Gen. French, the rebels being driven from the field with heavy loss, and leaving their dead on the field.

The main object in adopting the new rule was that Gen. Granger was at Huntsville, and that Gen. Morgan (Federal) had encountered Forrest and captured his transportation wagons.

New York, Oct. 8.—Gold quoted at 203.

## CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—Ex-Governor Downey has arrived from Los Angeles today.

The relief sent to the starving in Santa Barbara has been received and gratefully accepted.

Trouble is anticipated with the working of the tax on gold. The Assessors collect the half of one per cent, and the Mint authorities refuse to receive bars at the same tax as paid there.

## LETTER FROM LILLOOET.

Lillooet, October 10, 1864.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—The following is a copy of a letter addressed to Governor Seymour, and may be of interest to many of your readers. I do not think any further remark on the subject is necessary. The letter is signed by a gentleman who has been in the country for some time, and is believed to be the performance of a man who is well known to the public. The letter is signed by a gentleman who has been in the country for some time, and is believed to be the performance of a man who is well known to the public.

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